



**South Park Stakeholders Group – SOBO/EBO Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:30 AM
1333 S. Hope St, Los Angeles, CA 90015**

Committee Members: Bob Buente, Laurent Melin

Staff/Contract: Jessica Lall, Amanda Irvine, Sergio Urena, Victor Gonzalez, Steve Hillard, Karla Ramos

Guests: Gary Beneduci

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action taken?</i>
Meeting called to order:	9:35 AM	
Public Comment/Introductions:	No public comment	No Action Taken
Sidewalk repairs completed	<p>Gary Beneduci: We are 99% finished with the sidewalk repair project. We have some small cleanups to do, which will probably take 1-2 days to complete. The scope included Hope, 12th, Flower, Grand, Venice, Pico, and Olympic. 780 total repairs, and focused on top priority locations, and not places where there was incoming development or locations with tree root issues. BOE limits that 2” of concrete slab must remain, to make sure there was enough integrity left in the slab for use, so some problem areas could not be cut. There were a number of locations that we originally wanted to do, but played it safe and left some alone. The inspectors have been very positive on the project thus far. Perhaps a next step is to have these locations reviewed with the inspectors, and maybe we can still cut those spots. The cuts met OSHA slip resistance requirements and ADA slopes. The slope in the direction of travel is what matters for ADA compliance. Most locations are on Hope and Grand.</p> <p>Steve Hillard: Perhaps make pressure washing the locations fixed could be a good special project.</p> <p>Gary Beneduci: There was a lot of asphalt that we removed and fixed. Images (shown) help show how much was fixed. Prioritized loading zones and bus stops. There were also “spall” areas that we fixed, where they concrete flakes up, and we filled the severe ones of these.</p> <p>Sergio Urena: Had a great procedure with PCC, passing out notifications and working with the head of</p>	No Action Taken

	<p>construction to check in every day.</p> <p>Gary Beneduci: You'll get a report at the end that shows exactly what was done.</p>	
Upcoming Press Conference	<p>Coming up on February 26 at 9:45 AM, with Councilmember Huizar and the Board of Public Works. The city has been trying to solve the sidewalk issue, and they have been very pleased with the work we've done. The purpose of the conference is to showcase this method and our success with it. Jessica, Bob, Huizar, and likely Kevin James will speak. Will be trying to pitch an exclusive to the LA Times; will also be showcasing the murals, as we'll have four by the time this happens.</p>	No Action Taken
Street Tree Planting completed	<p>We were fortunate to work with Mia Lehrer and Associates, Melendrez, Urban Forestry, and LA Conservation Corps to do a survey walk in South Park. There are over 30 tree types in South Park, and we came up with a 5-tree palette for future trees. We've been sharing this palette with local developers, so that hopefully it will be easier for them plant these trees. We worked with City Plants and LACC, and identified sites where we could plant a tree in a vacant well, or cut a new well. We have so far planted 18 of the 19 new trees. Our Clean Team will be watering them for three years. The final tree species was out of stock, and will be planted soon. Many of these are in the southern part of the district.</p>	No Action Taken
HOA Outreach 1. New stat presentations 2. Bike registration 3. Trespassing Form	<p>New stat presentations: One of our goals this year is to incorporate new technology into our clean and safe services. With all the tracking we're doing, we wanted to make sure the info is available to all of the residential buildings. We have now started making custom reports for individual buildings, and can do so upon request. It can show the progress of special projects and requests, and stats for each building. We have the officers check in at many spots and can show where specifically they checked in, and show that there is a methodology behind what we're doing. Let us know so we can alter deployment if there are specific issues.</p> <p>Bike registration: With LAPD Tuesday update meetings, we have seen an increase in bike thefts. They would like the BIDs to help with this effort, so we're going to add it in our services that we offer. We will assist people in registering their bikes, with a photo, and submitting it to LAPD and our Accendo so we have it digitally. Then the record will be available if a bike is stolen. Would like to present this at HOA meetings, have bike registration as a side event, and show recommended types of locks. Perhaps an incentive can be involved, like a gift card drawing. Please contact Sergio for more info.</p>	No Action Taken

Laurent Melin: Bike share would be great in LA! They have it in Paris and lots of other cities

Amanda Irvine: Metro is actually working on this, and I'm on a task force with CCA.

Trespassing form: We have created a re-vamped version of what LAPD has property representatives sign in order to help on specific private properties. Based on municipal trespassing ordinance, we've tailored it to have SPBID safety ambassadors to address these complaints. Once its on file, we can have permission to detain and arrest with the assistance of LAPD on that property. Some properties need to have a posting or at least a consensus that it is private property. We will have a lawyer look at it to ensure its OK to utilize and that we're covered with our liability insurance. We're focusing on the detaining element, and will only arrest if necessary. Its an enhancement to our services. Perhaps we should restrict it to only public areas of private property?

Steve Hillard: Currently your contract with Streetplus does not include anything outside of public domain, so we would need to discuss an addendum to our contract, as well as have our lawyers look at it.

Bob Buente: For example, our alley is private property. I don't want to call LAPD when we have issues.

Steve Hillard: But if theres not walls, its essentially public domain. I think there may be some issues with working also in buildings. It's a grey area, and I'm not sure that this is a good idea. Most BIDs are pretty specific about only doing public property.

Bob Buente: Its not a blanket, its specific properties who approve it.

Jessica Lall: My concern is does this then extend to graffiti removal, etc. and does it increase staff needs that we don't have the power to take care of.

Steve Hillard: Lets review more with legal, and be very careful, and does not go past the lobby at least.

Sergio Urena: This stemmed from an issue we were asked to take care of at Grand Lofts.

Jessica Lall: I'll start by sharing it with Board members who happen to be attorneys, and if needed we'll go to

	Don Styer. Do we have additional liability with this?	
County Health Partnerships – Hot Dog Carts	Significant progress has been made! After the street vending hearing where County Health was called out on not responding to the issues with hotdog carts, as we had been calling for help with them. They are the only ones who can regulate this legally. They ended up coming down on a day when a large event was happening at the Convention Center, and shut down many illegal carts. We've been trying to forge a better relationship with them, because we cannot dispose of the carts ourselves, as they can be considered personal property. Now, we've worked on a system where LAPD or a property owner can request that we take them and hold them in our office. We will then contact County Health, and they can come get them and dispose of them as the regulators. Now more vendors are going into parking structure like at LACC. We can't go onto their property, but we have spoken with LACC, and we can assist but it is their responsibility. We really need to keep the vending under control as the policy moves forward in the city. Likely nothing will happen with policy changes until June, after elections.	No action taken.
CES	<p>Clean Team has done a survey of the local homeless people, and have learned from the Hollywood BID on how they coordinate helping the homeless get the help they need. We had about 24 regular homeless people in the district. We now have less than 20 people. We have started working with LAMP and Home for Good, and resident Dawn Davis, to go speak to these people about the options available to them. Dawn is a volunteer with LAMP, and has made contact with 11 people so far. One guy has already started the process and Dawn is helping him get housing. There is a lot of paperwork, and it's a big step to fill it out and get into the system and be placed in a home.</p> <p>Jessica Lall: Whole issue with LA system is the people are not being matched with the right services. We're lucky that Victor has been so proactive, and to have Dawn volunteering. She is now partnering with us, as she is a new friendly face. This is a huge win. We want to focus on different time to see different people.</p> <p>Sergio Urena: We've also been going out and checking the underpasses and see what the activity is, increase or decrease, and looking at graffiti and trash there. Its been pretty steady, same people are still there. Technically these are outside our BID territory, and we're trying to see how we can get Caltrans to deal with this. Our plan is to coordinate with LAPD SLO Reedy if it increases.</p>	No action taken

	<p>Victor Gonzales: Matias has cleaned the Olympic underpass. Looking at 12th St (3 homeless), Olympic (3), James M. Wood (1 on South, and 1 on island, and a bunch at the dead end west of us).</p> <p>Jessica Lall: Lets start including pictures when you do this.</p> <p>Laurent Melin: We pressure wash our sidewalks, but the alley is city property. Can you do it?</p> <p>Jessica Lall: We can do that once or as requested, we aren't doing it regularly anymore due to the drought. We can do it for "public health" reasons but not regularly. We'll put it on the schedule.</p> <p>Laurent Melin: As we get more dogs, how can we deal with this?</p> <p>Amanda Irvine: We're working on a plan to create dog waste astroturf stations, but much of it is the owners being irresponsible.</p> <p>Laurent Melin: We need to train the dog owners.</p> <p>Jessica Lall: Maybe we can put some literature together on the safety issues with dog waste sitting on the sidewalk. Also, we should let people know about apartment dog waste stations.</p>	
Clean Team Special Projects	January's special project was cleaning/pressure washing all 117 trashcans in the district, and this month we'll be removing all the weeds in the district. In March, we'll be cleaning and painting the utility boxes in the district. May want to add the pressure washing to the locations of new sidewalk repairs. This means in addition to our regular services.	No action taken
Discussion: Parklet Project 1. Status 2. GC Needed 3. Sponsorship opportunities	<i>Tabled</i>	No action taken
Public Art	Swan mural and 11 th and Hope have been completed. Two are going up in the next two weeks – one on 1147 S Hope next to the swan mural, and on 1325 S Hope, facing the parking lot on Pico and Hope. All at no cost to the BID. Bob's building is back on line for April. What we're seeing happen is that the Do Art Foundation has the most registered murals in the city, and the majority of which will be in South Park. The artists are well known and we're being selective, as this area is getting known for curating public art. Still working on the LA Convention Center to do a sculpture exhibit in	No action taken

	May. For construction fencing, we're working on that being more interesting, hopefully will decrease tagging as well. Would like to partner with the hospital and elementary school to be the artists as well.	
Next Meeting	April 1, 2015 at 9:30 AM	

Adjourned at: 11:04 am

NEXT STEPS:

- **Staff will:**
 - Reach out to other committee members to see if the new time works.
 - Get Laurent clean and safe stats by Feb. 24.
 - Look into pedestrian/walking awards with the sidewalk repairs
 - Look into impacting walkability index with the sidewalk repairs